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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 24, 2003, in which the Examiner requested Applicant to elect one of four designated invention groups.

In response to this request, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-8), drawn to the first technical feature of a plasmid comprising a tightly regulated promoter operatively linked to a nucleic acid that encodes a peptidoglycan-associated lipoprotein of gram-negative bacteria. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the nonelected subject matter.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

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